

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
**Severe Weather and Floods**  
**FEMA-DR-1655-VA)**  
**STATE SITUATION REPORT # 21**  
**1400 Hours 2 August 2006**

**FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office**  
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**VDEM Hours of operations: M-F: 0800-1800 hours**  
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**(New Information in Bold)**

**SUMMARY**

Response and recovery operations are currently being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth resulting from the substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 23 Jun-6 Jul 2006.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**JFO Operations:**

Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Regular VDEM staff meetings will be conducted on M-W-F of each week at 0800 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Situation Reports will be issued M-W-F of this week.

**State of Emergency and Executive Order:**

Through an Executive Order, Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation on 30 June for the counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George, Montgomery and Rockbridge and the independent cities of Alexandria and Salem.

President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006. The City of Alexandria, the Counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Bath, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George and Rockbridge were designated to be eligible for the Public Assistance Program along with State and Local Government agencies and certain private nonprofit organizations. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

**The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006. The severity and magnitude of damage to the private sector was not sufficient to warrant Individual Assistance under the declaration. The letter also denied the Commonwealth's request for implementation of both the Individual Assistance Program and the Public Assistance Program for the independent City of Salem, VA.**

On 20 July 2006 Governor Kaine requested the addition of Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, and Henry Counties to the Public Assistance Program Disaster Declaration. On 26 July 2006 the declaration was amended by FEMA to include the above counties. **On 31 July 2006, the Commonwealth requested the addition of Mecklenburg and Rappahannock Counties to the Public Assistance Program Disaster Declaration based on information gathered by a joint FEMA-VDEM Preliminary Damage Assessment Team conducted completed on 31 July 2006.**

## WEATHER

### Forecast:

**Three-day forecast (W-Th-F 2-4 Aug 2006):** Excessive heat warning remains in effect from 1100-2000 hours today. Humid today with temperature highs around 100 with a Heat Index value up to 115 through early evening. An excessive heat watch is in effect Thursday with a Heat Index value up to 114. Chance of rain is 40% on Friday with a Heat Index value of 101.

The State Warning Point is monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories of Tropical Storm Chris as it continues to move west-northwest as 10 mph with reported maximum sustained winds of 60 mph. Chris continues to strengthen as it skirts the Leeward Islands and may become a hurricane later today or tomorrow. Currently, there is no threat to the United States.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

### Legislative Liaison:

Currently, the 13 affected jurisdictions are represented by 54 legislators. All have been informed of declaration status. Contact the JFO-Legislative Liaison, Mr. Art Warren ([art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov)) for clarifications.

State legislators have been informed that the request for inclusion of the Individual Assistance Program was not approved. General assembly members representing the affected applicants were informed. Legislators were also informed of the PA Applicants' Briefing scheduled for 3 August in Salem, VA.

Public Information Office (PIO): Media material to promote the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is under development. Inquiries from the *Fairfax Connection* and the *Chantilly Times* newspapers regarding the Clifton Masonic Lodge were addressed.

## OPERATIONS SECTION

### RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

#### ESF 1 – Transportation:

Virginia Department of Transportation: **VDOT website continues to report** no primary roads and two secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is late August.

#### ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:

#### Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

Locality (37 each)	Private (18 each)	Public* (34 each)
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

\*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

#### State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

#### Applicants' Briefings:

##### Conducted:

- When: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 (1330 hours)  
Where: State Police Academy, Richmond, VA  
Total attendance: 20 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)  
Comment: One additional PA received from VDOT by VDEM

2. When: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 (1000 hours)  
Where: Alternate EOC, Fairfax Government Center, Fairfax, VA  
Total attendance: 71 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)  
Comment: Following the "Applicants' Briefing," Deborah Mills (DSCO) and staff traveled to Clifton to provide the Mayor and members of the Masonic Lodge information regarding allowable repairs and flood prevention options for damaged structures.

**Scheduled:**

1. When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1100 hours)  
Where: State High School Auditorium, 400 Spartan Drive, Salem, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies, + Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Henry, Highland and Rockbridge).

**Kick-off Meetings:**

**Conducted:**

1. When: Fri, 28 Jul 2006  
Where: Chantilly, VA (Fairfax VDOT Area Maintenance Office)  
(FEMA, VDEM, + VDOT)
2. **When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1300 hours)**  
**Where: Alexandria, VA**  
**Attendees: Total-25 (FEMA-2, VDEM-4, + City of Alexandria-19)**  
**Comment: City documentation should be completed by 18 Aug.**
3. **When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1300 hours)**  
**Where: Fancy Hill, VA (I-81, Exit 180, VDOT Area HQ)**  
**Attendees: Total-24 (FEMA-2, VDEM-2, + VDOT-20)**

**Scheduled:**

1. When: Wed, 2 Aug 2006 (1400 hours)  
Where: Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County Schools)
2. When: Mon, 7 Aug 2006 (1000 hours) **(Rescheduled from 1 Aug)**  
Where: Arlington, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Arlington County)
3. When: Mon, 7 Aug 2006 (1430 hours) **(Rescheduled from 2 Aug)**  
Where: Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County)

**FEMA, state, and local government officials are participating in ongoing Kick-off meetings in affected jurisdictions.**

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) was launched on the VDEM website, [www.vaemergency.com](http://www.vaemergency.com) on 28 July 2006. The first section, Public Assistance Program, provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. **The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance for FEMA-1655-DR is COB Sat, 12 Aug 2006. RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO to the attention of Mr. Ellington. The JFO address is :**

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James Lee Witt Associates/Innovative Emergency Management is supporting state PA operations through an Emergency Standby Services Contract.

The Public Assistance Program Administration Plan draft has been completed.

**Individual Assistance:** **The severity and magnitude of damage to the private sector was not sufficient to warrant Individual Assistance under the declaration. The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006.**

**Mitigation:** The final draft of mitigation guidelines and the Mitigation strategy for this disaster in coordination with FEMA and Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Floodplain Management Program has been forwarded to the FCO/SCO for review.

DCR is working with several communities regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training, compliance, and enforcement. The counties of Dickenson, Montgomery, King George, and Rockbridge, and the cities/towns of Ashland, Clincho, Clintwood, Port Royal, and Salem have been contacted.

The Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is currently under review by the VDEM Preparedness, Training, and Exercises (PT&E) Office.

HMGP Applicants' Briefings:

Scheduled:

1. When: Tue, 15 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)  
Where: Roanoke County, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
2. When: Wed, 16 Aug, 2006 (1000-1200 hours)  
Where: Lexington, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
3. When: Thu, 17 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)  
Where: Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)

## **PLANNING SECTION**

### **ESF 5 – Emergency Management**

A Hurricane Preparedness Planning meeting was conducted at the JFO on Wed 26 Jul 2006. Roundtable discussions addressed preparedness planning.

### **ESF 7 – Resource**

The VDEM JFO staffing plan is complete. The VDEM-JFO Staffing Plan extends through the Labor Day week (8 Sep 2006). Updated versions will be published periodically.

## **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

**Personnel Unit:** Current VDEM JFO/field staffing is 38 (including 8 contractor personnel).

**Administration Unit:** Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) began Monday, 24 July 2006 and continues daily.

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